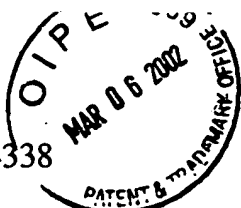


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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2001, please amend the  
above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 3, 4, 8, and 9 to read as follows:

3. (Once Amended) The magnetic recording medium as claimed in

claim 1, wherein said ferromagnetic layer is made of a material selected from a group